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2. Four [] reports, [] and port facilities observed between Batumi and Zhdanov. A "destroyer" with an unidentified apparatus under a tarpaulin on her afterdeck and a submarine were sighted on [] near Feodosiya; sketches of the vessels are included. Annotated sketch maps of Batumi, Zhdanov, and the Kerch Strait and an unannotated sketch map of the Rumanian port of Constanta are also included. 50X1-HUM
3. A [] report, [] on the ports of Izmail and Zhdanov, vessels encountered [] Sketch maps of Izmail and Zhdanov are included. 50X1-HUM
4. A [] report on observations in the port of Tuapse. [] construction at the Dzerzhinskiy Shipyard, vessel sightings, and military installations are briefly noted. 50X1-HUM

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NOTE FOREGOING EXPLANATION

Dzerzhinskiy Shipyard

3. Four ferry boats were being constructed in the Dzerzhinskiy Shipyard. They were the twin-screw, diesel-powered type, which can carry six freight rail cars. Four to six tankers of 10-12,000 tons were either under repair or waiting to be repaired.

Vessels Sighted

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4. Six unidentified naval coastal vessels, [redacted]
[redacted] They were equipped with a gun mount forward, and two anti-aircraft guns on the bridge. One unidentified destroyer [redacted] The Soviet tankers MOSKOVSKIY FESTIVAL, IOSIF STALIN and an unidentified one were loading at the Oil Pier.

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Miscellaneous Installations

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5. Behind the Chardak (sic) light, there were three 6-inch guns, and a network of ground and air radar. Close by were small, camouflaged buildings and a signal station with the call sign K.T. or K.T.L. The signal tower is about 60 meters high.
6. One mile south of the harbor entrance there were underwater cables.

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REPORTS CONCERNING [REDACTED] SOVIET PORTS

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ZHDANOV, BATUMI

Naval Vessels Encountered

A "superdestroyer or light cruiser" ^[pic] and two tenders nearby were observed in the Black Sea in the vicinity of FEODOSIA, between Cape MEGANON and Cape CHAUDA, [REDACTED]. The vessels were about 7 miles from the coast, [REDACTED] and appeared to be anchored.

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The "superdestroyer or light cruiser" was painted light gray, about 110-120 meters long, single-stacked, and had two gun turrets forward and one aft. A small tripod mast forward of the stack, and a round mass at the base of the small mast above the forebridge were noted. Aft the stack and as far as the stern turret, the deck is level, and on it [REDACTED] noted a round mass, as shown on attached sketch, covered with tarpaulin tied down with ropes. [REDACTED]

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The two tenders were closer to shore, and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] they were ordinary supply vessels, about 80 meters long.

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A submarine was observed surfacing near the superdestroyer [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The submarine's silhouette is shown on attached sketch. It appeared to be unarmed, and its deck was very flat and rose about one meter above water. The conning tower was located forward of midship. Its length could not be estimated.

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[REDACTED]

A small motor vessel was also seen in the vicinity at that time, towing by means of a long steel cable a very small float which was hardly visible in the vessel's wake.

[REDACTED] noted some fishing vessels, all of the same type, 40-45 meters long, with canvas-covered materiel and some nets at the stern. The fishing vessels did not have any equipment for trawling.

[REDACTED], at latitude 43° 10' and longitude 34° 20' in the Black Sea, a naval supply vessel of about 800-1,000 tons gross and 70-80 meters long, was observed in the distance with a crane working over the starboard. No other details were noted owing to the distance.

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Port of ZHDANOV

[REDACTED]

There were only two coast guard vessels in the naval area indicated on the sketch.

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[redacted] at the pier identified by No. 1 on the sketch.

[redacted] observed four narrow-gauge railroad tracks and four cranes on the pier.

On the quay between piers No. 1 and No. 3 were noted 21 cranes, some of them placed away from the edge.

On pier No. 3 was a grain elevator rectangular in shape, about 30-40 meters high, whose undulating exterior revealed that it contained 11 bins along its length, and 7 along its width.

At pier No. 6 was seen a steel floating dock about 100 meters long.

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Black Sea

The area shown on the accompanying sketch is restricted to navigation and used by Soviet naval vessels for exercises.

Ports Along the Coast of CRIMEA

[redacted], any merchant vessel can enter any port on the southern coast of CRIMEA by first informing the harbor commandant, stating time and date of arrival and reason for visit.

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observed a fast

motor patrol vessel described as follows:

- hull - steel, painted dark gray
- bow - clipper style
- stern - square, slightly cut in
- overall length - about 30 meters
- deck - single bridge
- mast - one, pole-type, small, placed immediately after the fore-
bridge, between the bridge and the deck house
- stack - one, oval, low, placed on the deck house and not too
far from the mast
- superstructure - forebridge with open navigating bridge, deck
house, and engine room painted gray
- power plant - two diesel engines, dual propellers
- armament - four AA machine gun mounts: a heavy one fore, another
heavy one aft, and two light ones on the deck house.

(2) Mooring area of numerous fishing vessels of 40-50 tons

(3) Fortified area

(4) Artillery battery of four self-propelled guns

(5) Railroad yard; numerous cars and locomotives, and several buildings

observed

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(6) Same as above

(7) Ferry terminal. There are four ferryboats linking the rail lines of CRIMEA with the CAUCASUS.

(8) Concrete berth for ferryboats

(9) Ferryboat coming from the Sea of Azov with more than 500 workers aboard

(10) TUZLA Spit; numerous single-story buildings observed along the coast. They could be large warehouses.

Port of ZHDANOV

Landmarks:

(1) Quay being worked on and equipped with railroad tracks and cranes
(2) Observed 7-8 electric cranes which lift rail cars loaded with 9 tons of cargo

(3) [] at the coal pier; along the inner apron run four cranes: two of 15-ton, and two of 10-ton capacity

(4) The pier is equipped with two tracks: one for the cranes, and the other running almost along the center of the pier

(5) Area where new tracks are being laid

(6) Yugoslav freighter Makedonija, bunkering

(7) [] freighter [] loading coal []

(8) Yugoslav freighter loading coal

(9) [] freighter loading coal

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Description of port and urban areas:

(A) Neftyanaya Gavan

The average height of the quay and the outer breakwater above sea level is about 3 meters. Water depth ranges from a minimum of 3.5 feet [at the piers] to a maximum of 5 feet.

- (1) Berth No. 1, for loading crude oil
- (2) " " 2, " " " "
- (3) " " 3, " " " "
- (4) " " 4, " " gas oil
- (5) " " 5, " " benzol and toluene
- (6) Berth of the only existing tug. Quay area
- (7) Various pipelines: they are all exposed, and each berth has 12-15 outlets.
- (8) Various buildings, some masonry and others frame
- (9) Port railroad yard
- (10) Quay area, for loading coal
- (11) Quay area, for loading and unloading general cargo; quay equipped with electric cranes
- (12) Cold-storage warehouse
- (13) Wall
- (14) Railroad track, ending at X
- (B) Urban area

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(15) Inflat

(16) Maritime station and harbor captain's office, customs and police offices

(17) Pilot station with 3-5 pilots

(18) Fresh-water outlet

(19) Interclub

(20) Military barracks; numerous sailors seen gardening

(21) Barracks

(22) Mooring area for fishing vessels and small craft

Miscellaneous information: About 10 miles south and 10 miles north of the port are two powerful searchlights, with a range of 12 miles, which constantly sweep the sea at night. Merchant vessels proceeding to BATUMI are followed and brightly lighted by the searchlights.

the surveillance maintained by the searchlights is geared to that of a radar network.

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Naval Vessels

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A fast Soviet corvette came out of SEVASTOPOL'

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observed between Cape KHERSONES and

Point SARYCH a large Soviet naval formation engaged in exercises, consisting of 12 surface vessels, among them cruisers and destroyers, and three submarines. The latter submerged and surfaced continuously.

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In an area closed to navigation between Cape KHUDA and Cape TAKIL;

noted three surface vessels and a submarine engaged in exercises.

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North of Cape TAKIL', near the Strait of KERCH, noted a Soviet corvette. the corvette is permanently stationed in that area.

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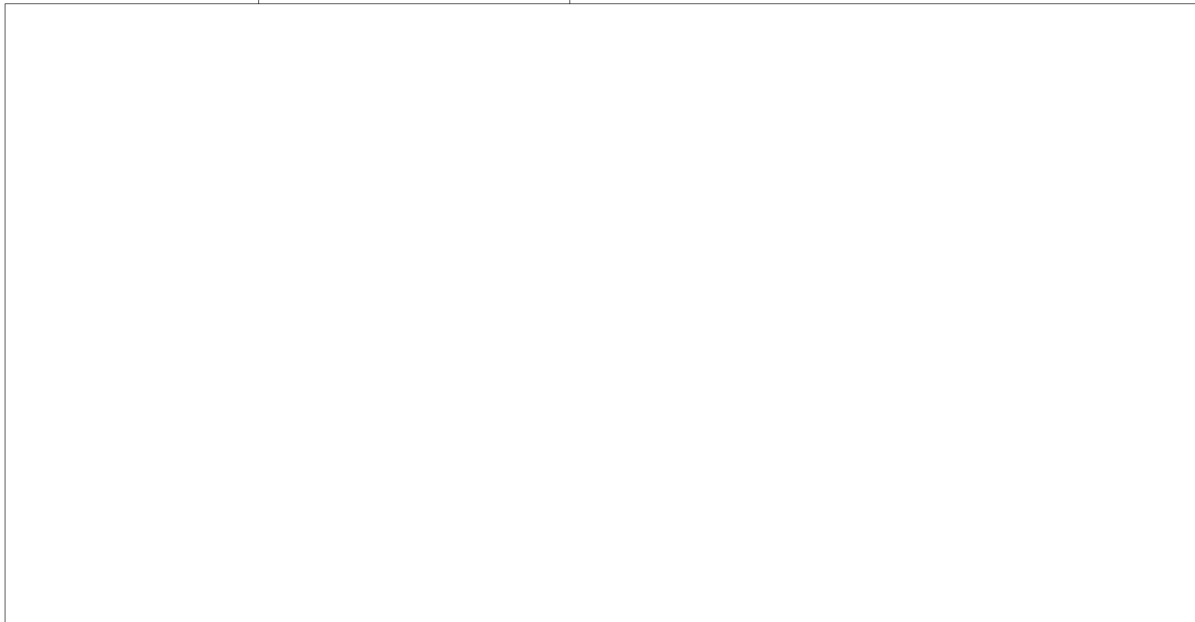
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Port of IZMAIL2 - Merchant vessels in port

The [redacted] freighter [redacted] arrived in IZMAIL [redacted]

[redacted] mooring at the side of an empty barge (shown on sketch by an arrow) to unload ore (No 1 on sketch). [redacted]

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Soviet ship of 8,000 tons loading rolls of tarred paper which were stacked on the pier (No 2 on sketch).

Soviet ship of 4,000 tons loading cement (No 3 on sketch).

Steel river lighter of 1,000 tons, of Czechoslovakian make and flag, with its own crew, [redacted]

[redacted] (No 4 on sketch).

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Steel river lighter like the foregoing, on which the mineral cargo was loaded and directly transported to Czechoslovakia (No 5 on sketch).

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Modern floating crane of Czechoslovakian make, 10-ton capacity, with luffing jib and grab, used in transferring the ore [] to the above-mentioned lighters (No 6 on sketch).

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Floating crane similar to the foregoing (No 7 on sketch).

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Letter A on the sketch shows a number of masonry buildings used for commercial and business offices.

Letter B on the sketch shows the stacks of tarred paper rolls on the landing in front of the port area, including those loaded by the ship identified by No 2 on the sketch.

Letter C on the sketch shows a stack of cement in bags.

Letter D on the sketch shows four luffing jib cranes of 5 tons, of Soviet make, running on rails and with electric power take-off on ground.

[] a stretch of quay about 50 meters long (letter E on sketch) is [] in advanced state of construction.

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The port is connected with the city by a well-kept road, indicated by two black parallel lines on sketch. At one point on the road there is a permanent control post (letter F on sketch), where police inspect all incoming and outgoing traffic.

4 - Miscellaneous information

[] the present call letters of Radio IZMAIL are UBO 2, and [] it operates on a frequency of 486 [kilocycles?]. The call letters are not listed, and [] in 1957 these

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were assigned to the station of the port of SUKHUMI.

the current in the port of IZMAIL is 3 and even 4 knots.

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Port of ZHDANOV

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2 - Merchant vessels in port

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Soviet freighter of 4,000 tons engaged in commercial operations
(No 2 on sketch).

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Yugoslav freighter of 7,000 tons loading coal,

(No 3 on sketch).

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freighter waiting for a berth (No 4 on sketch).

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Firmly anchored reinforced concrete hull used as a tank. Vessels tie to the hull to bunker with fuel oil (No 5 on sketch).

3 - Port, naval area, military defenses and installations, commercial and industrial area, etc.

The approach to the eastern breakwater is made through a channel lined with metallic nets. At the end of the channel is a round buoy with a green light, which serves as entrance light (letter A on sketch).

The red light is located at the head of the pier (letter B on sketch).

The green light of the northern entrance is located at the head of the northern breakwater (letter C on sketch).

The red light of the northern entrance is located at the head of the southern breakwater (letter D on sketch).

On the southern breakwater is located another red light (letter E on sketch). The corresponding green light is on a round buoy (letter F on sketch).

A masonry building houses the coal weighing scale (letter G on sketch). It is located near a beach, indicated by broken lines on the sketch.

Four fixed-jib cranes mounted on rails, of 10-ton capacity, Soviet make, used for loading coal (letter H on sketch). They are equipped with

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tilting hooks to grab the small coal cars and dump the cargo directly into the ships' holds.

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5 - Miscellaneous information

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a blast furnace in the area of ZHDANOV, about 35 minutes by car from the port, in the direction indicated by an arrow on the sketch. The blast furnace employs 10,000 workers, and produces rails.

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REPORT OF THE BLACK SEA

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A. Observations

[Redacted]

✓ Opposite KERCH, [Redacted] observed two motor torpedo boats proceeding through the [KERCH] Canal. Twelve crew members were on the deck. One of these boats was [Redacted] armed with a twin AA machinegun, one barrel superimposed on the other (see sketch).

Throughout the Sea of Azov ships are obliged to stay within the channel marked off by buoys.

Merchantmen observed: Soviet motor ship TOM, radar equipped, probable destination DUKES; on its deck were huge boxes, trucks, and jeeps, painted in field colors (about 20 units). Also: Soviet steamer FELIX DZHERZHINSKY.

B. Military and Industrial installations observed

On a spit of land about 15 miles from KERCH, on the right side, [Redacted] observed a small artificial harbor, where two steamers appeared to be unloading. The railroad line could be seen. About one kilometer farther along there were four or five very large 2-story barrack-type structures. [Redacted] they were probably either warehouses or barracks (see attached sketch).

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North of MARIUPOL, along the coast or near it, was a large industrial complex. [redacted] counted 25 smokestacks.

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C. Port of ZHDANOV

[redacted]
Port activity was minimal. Two 4,000-ton coal ships unloaded coal [redacted] The Yugoslav motor ship SKOPJE was moored [redacted] The Yugoslav ship was scheduled to sail [redacted]
[redacted]

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The piers are equipped with railroad tracks and cranes.

The Naval Command, located opposite the area where the port begins, remains open day and night, and so do all of the other port buildings.

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D. Miscellaneous

[redacted]
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[redacted] there are eleven pilots on duty in the Sea of Azov.
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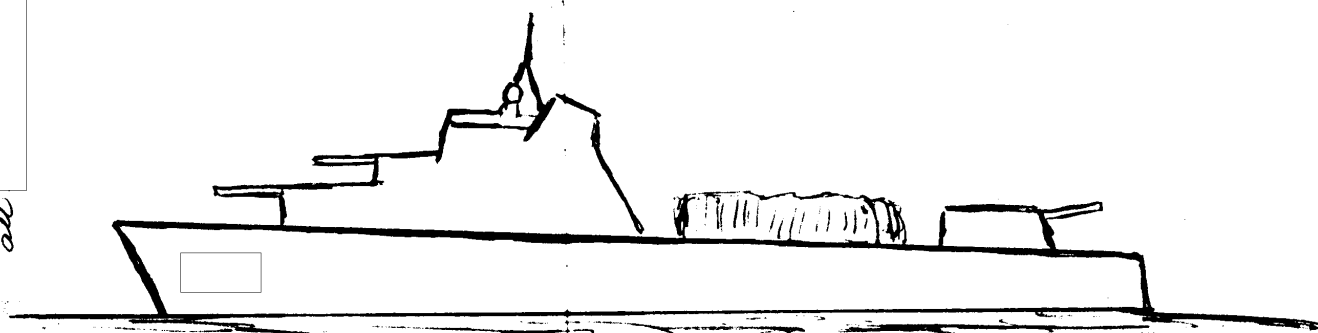
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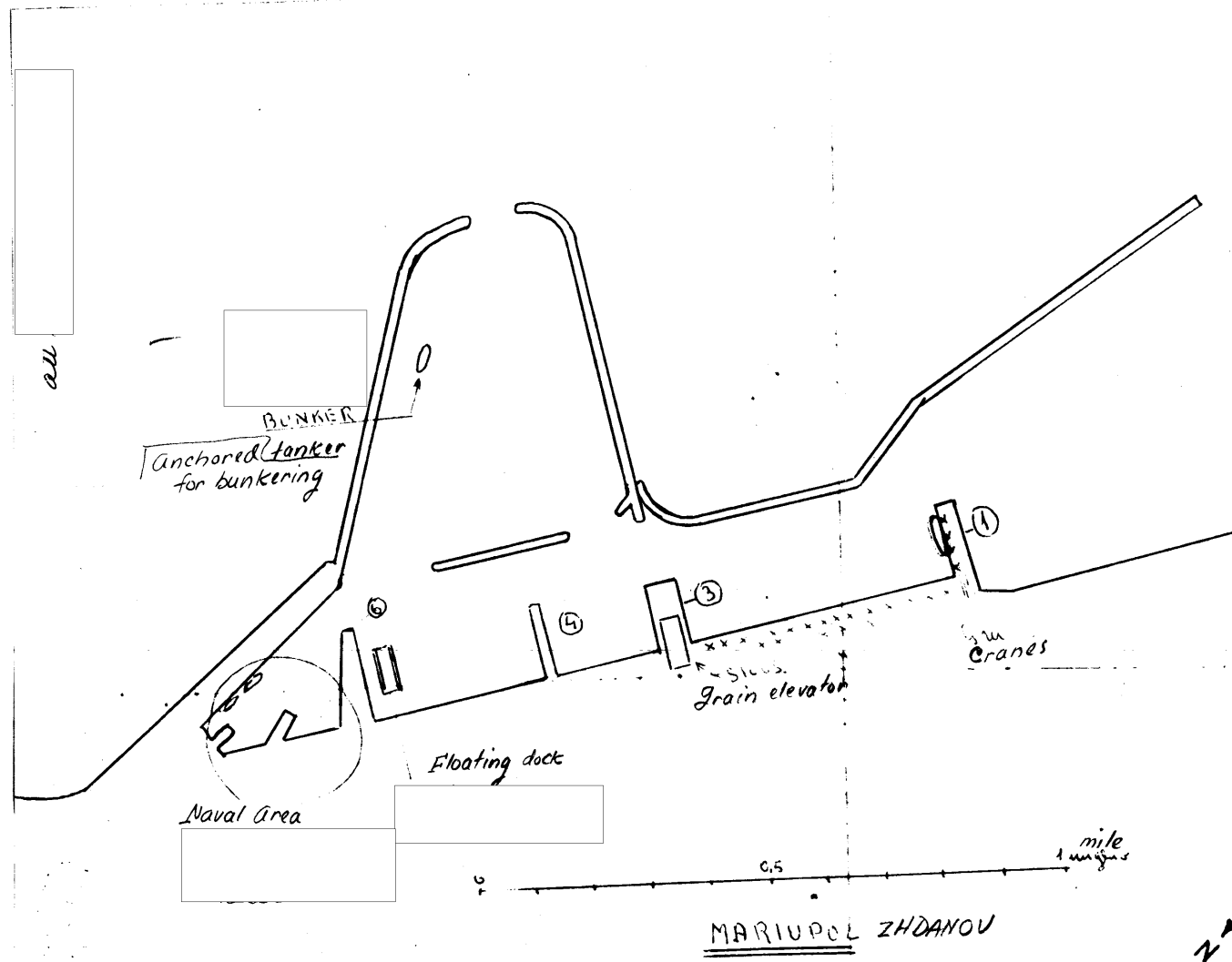
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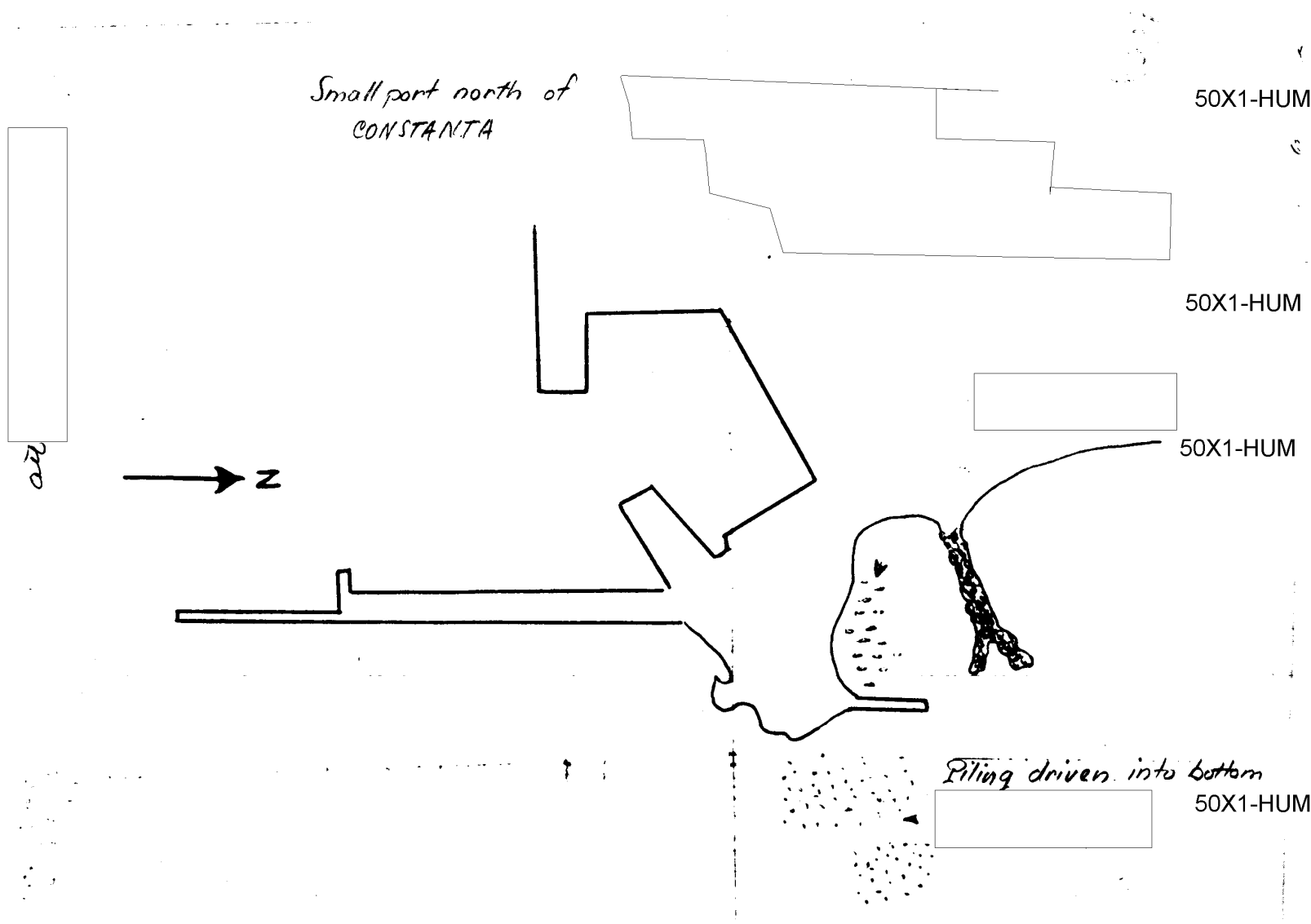
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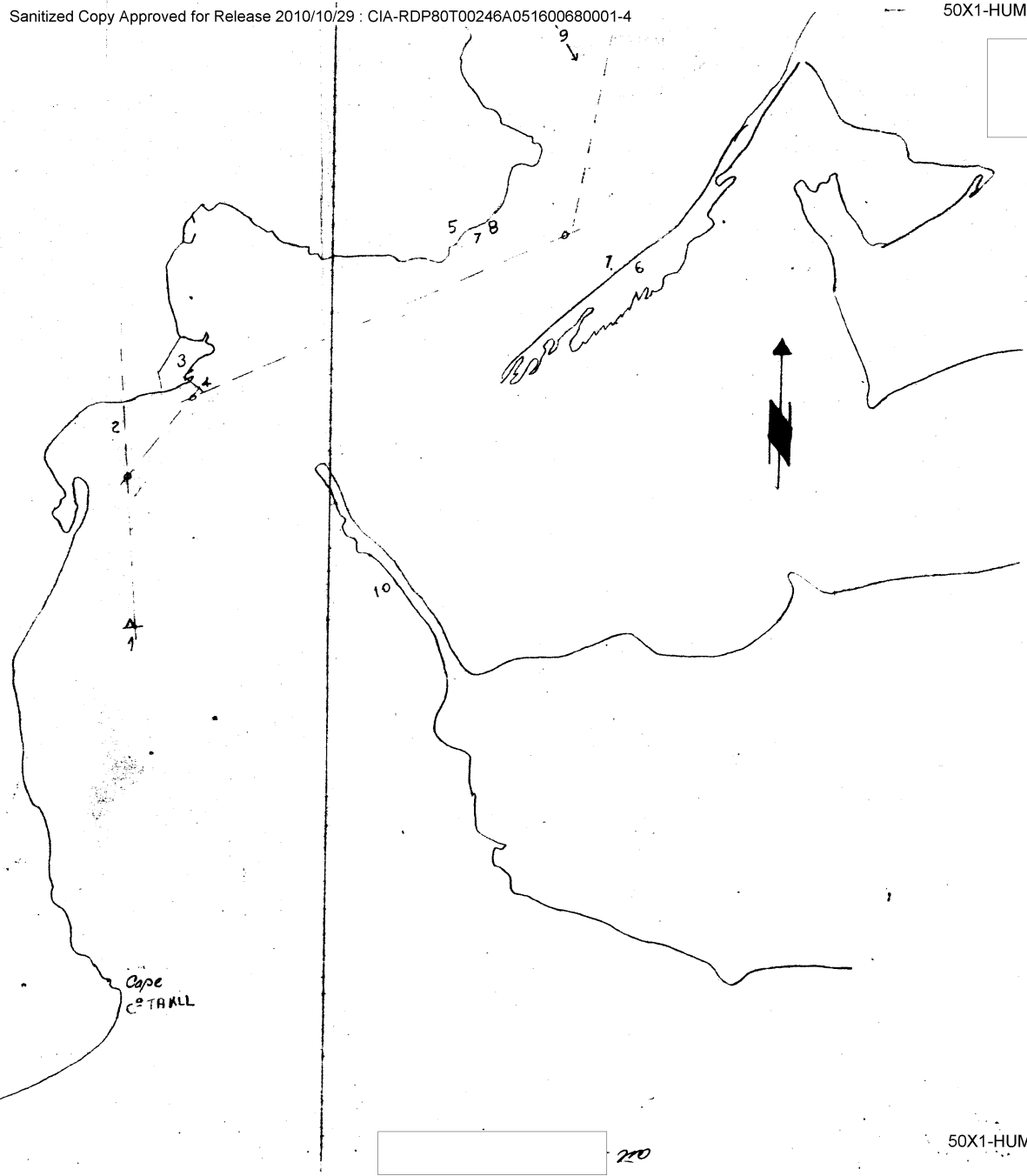
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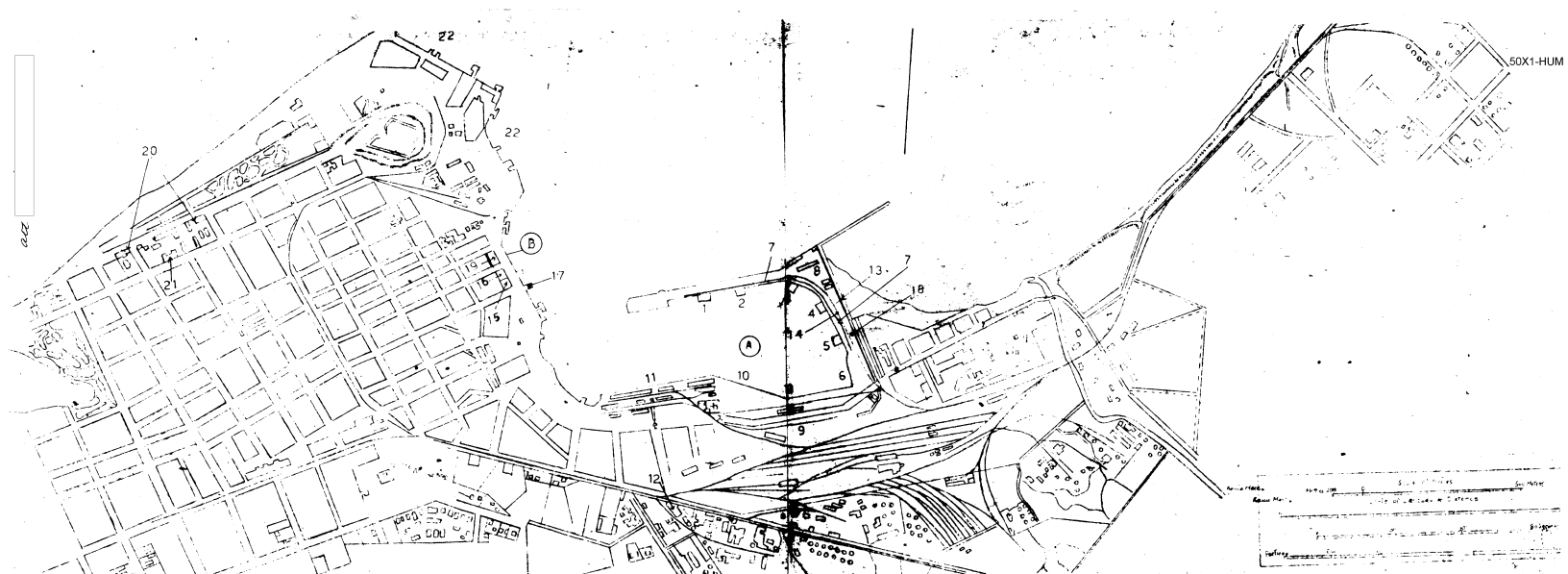


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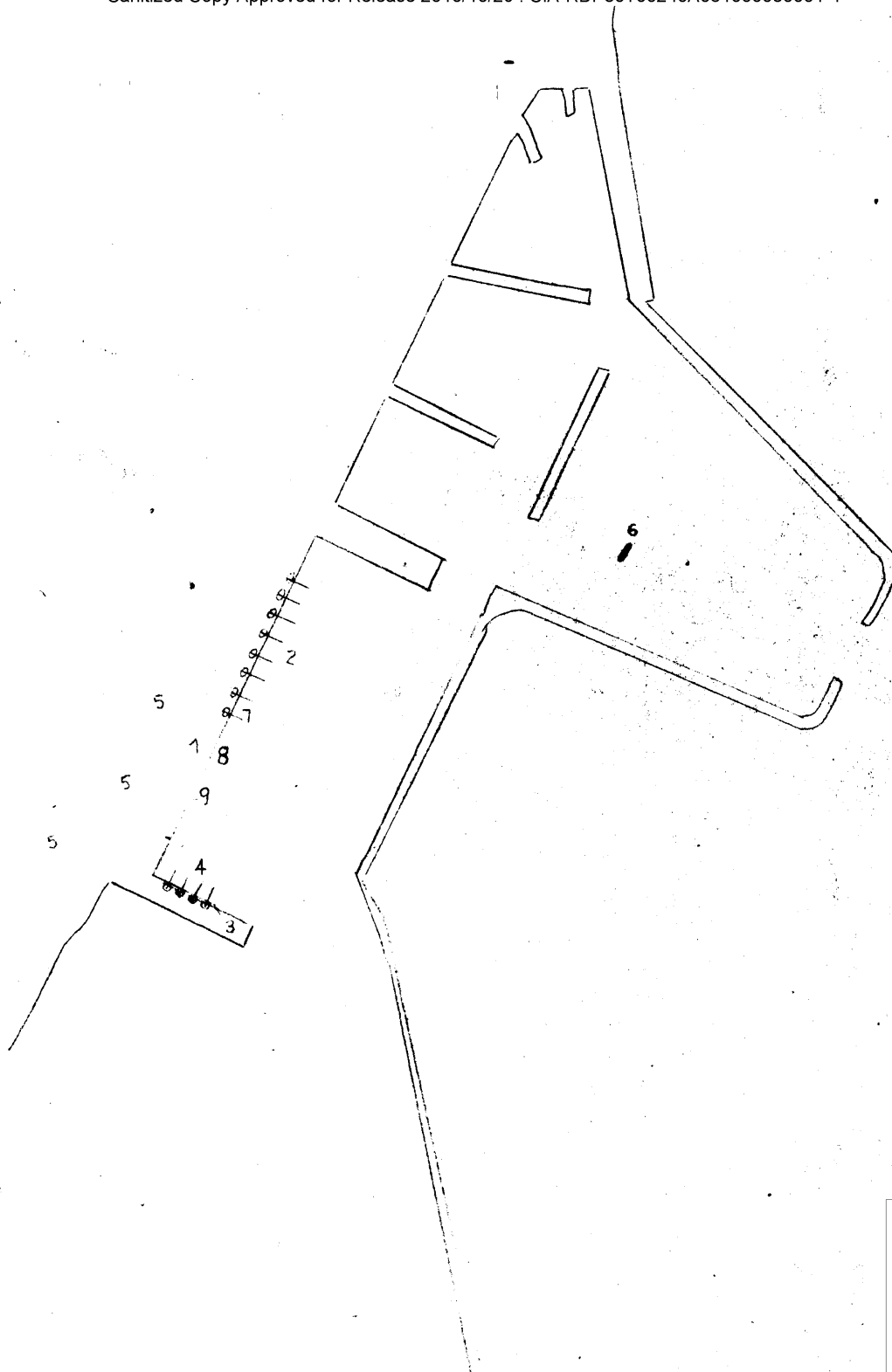
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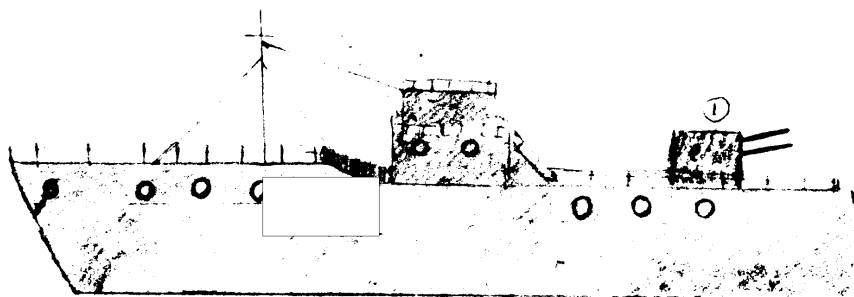
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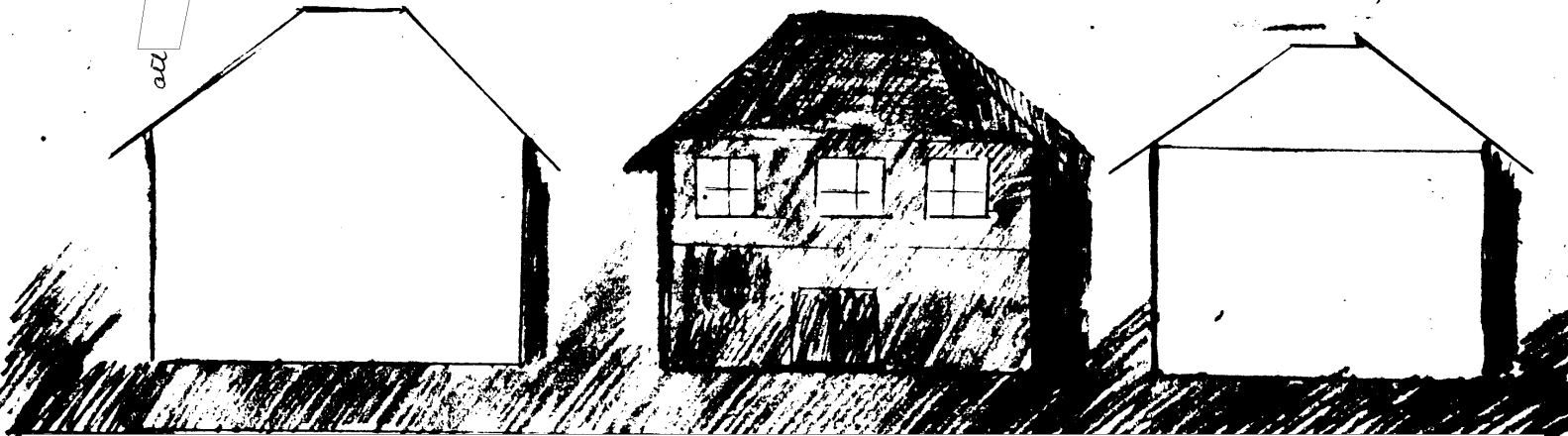
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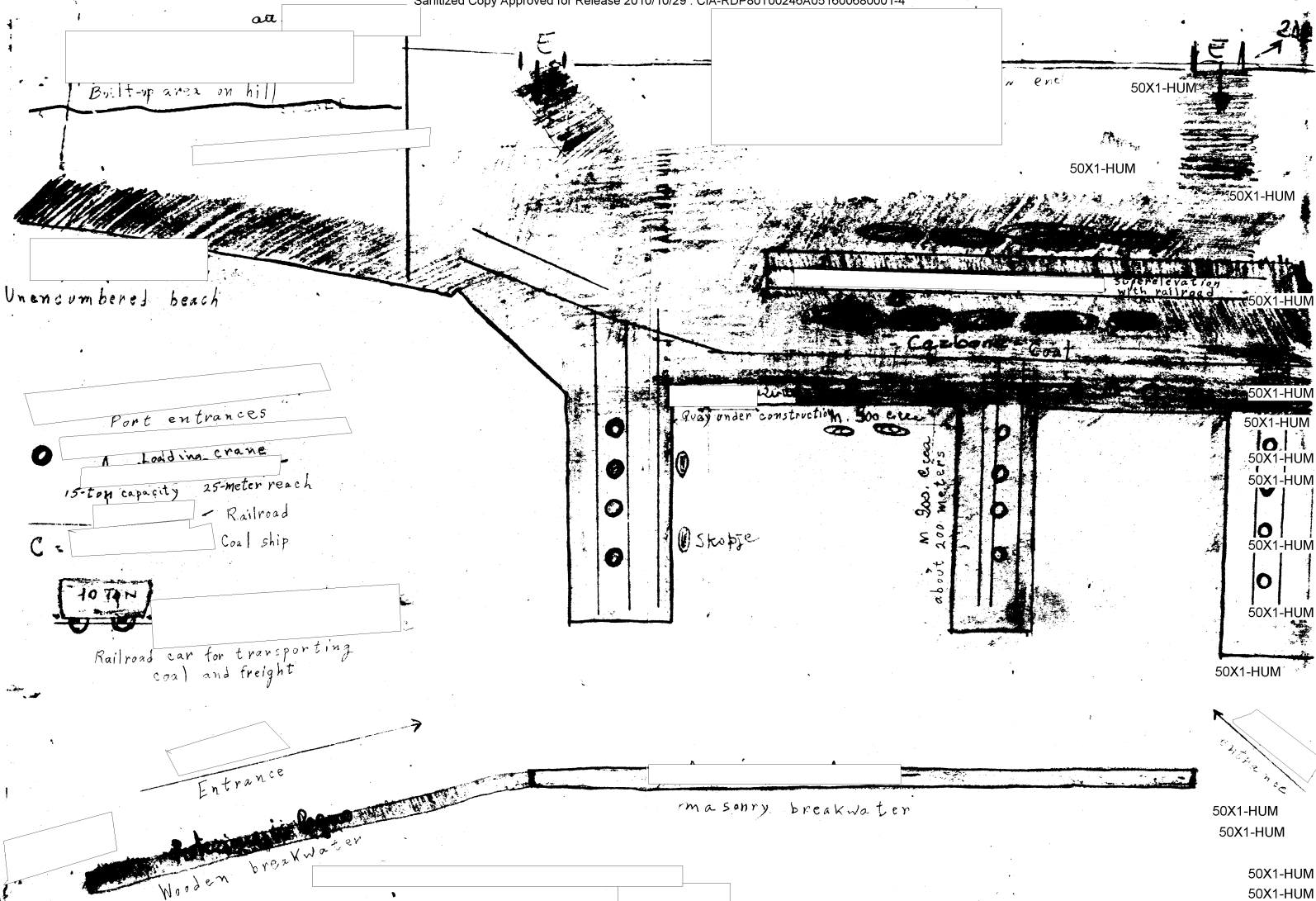
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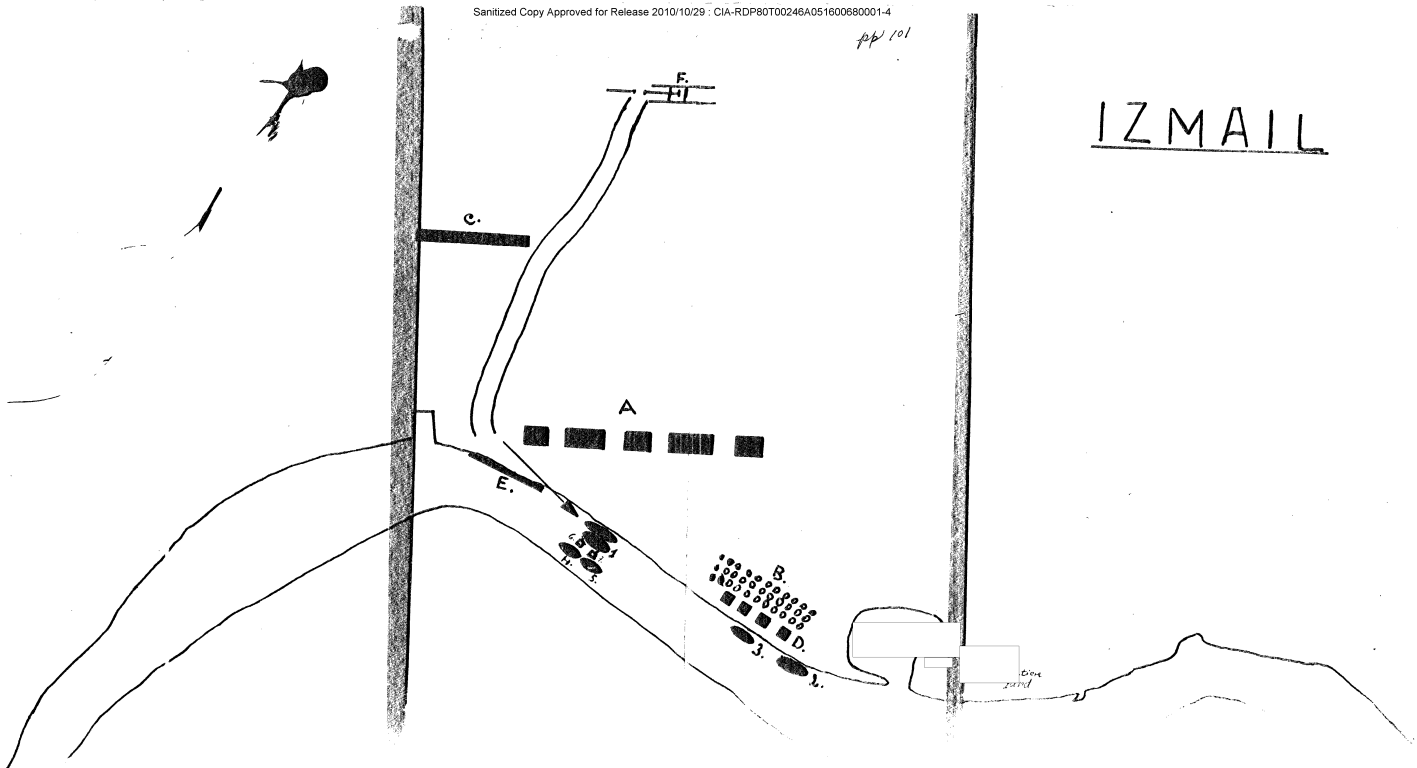


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